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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant calls to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office an Examination Report issued abroad in reference to a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Examination Report dated August 13, 2001 is attached. It is pointed out that the references mentioned therein are not considered to be of particular relevance and are not being submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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